

Title: Globe – Van Doorn Corporation Collection

Call Number: Mss-2123

Inclusive Dates: 1903 – 1993

Bulk: 6.0 cu. ft. total

Location: ER, Sh. 217 (3.0 cu. ft.)
BV, Sh. 157 (3.0 cu. ft.)

Historical Note: In 1880, master craftsman Bernard Trepte founded Globe Wire & Iron Works in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Originally the company manufactured products such as wire goods, bank grills, and ornamental fences. In 1905, the firm was incorporated and expanded its product line to include park benches, steel stairs, and the elevator car. As the need for elevators increased, the company began to specialize in that line of work. During the Great Depression, as other businesses were failing, the company acquired the assets of another well-known manufacturer of elevator cars, The Van Doorn Company of Quincey, Illinois. A drought in high-rise office construction prompted Globe – Van Doorn to close its doors in 1993 after 113 years as a leader in the elevator industry.

Administrative Note: The collection was processed on July 19, 1994 by Jeewon Schally. The finding aid was retyped on July 19, 2011.

Artifacts Separated to Museum

- “winged globe” fountain pen and stand
- “victory” Globe – Van Doorn promotional pencil
- bronze elevator door panel with etched design

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- Move to 1007-1015 Atkinson Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin		

- Douglas County Court House in Superior, Wisconsin		
- Morningside Club Residence in South Bend, Indiana		
- Zahn Drygoods store in Racine, Wisconsin		
- Wisconsin State Journal Building in Madison, Wisconsin		
- Underwriter's Exchange Building in Milwaukee, Wisconsin		
- Tower Theatre in Milwaukee, Wisconsin		
- Straus Building in Milwaukee, Wisconsin		
- College of Saint Teresa in Winona, Minnesota		
- St. Paul Auditorium in St. Paul, Minnesota		
- Pioneer Trust and Savings Bank in Chicago, Illinois		
- Sixth and Grand National Bank in Milwaukee, Wisconsin		
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-”Milwaukee’s ups and downs” in <i>Milwaukee Journal</i> , January 31, 1991		
-”The Texas Medical Center” in Elevator World, June 1955		
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- The Elastic Tip Company, Boston, Massachusetts		
- M.D. Hubbard Spring Company, Pontiac, Michigan		
- Hyland Electric Supply Company, Chicago, Illinois		
- J.G. Braun Company, Chicago, Illinois		
- Paltridge Metal Equipment Company in Chicago, Illinois		
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- Knights of Pythias, 1901, 1904		
- National Association of Ornamental Metal Manufacturers		
- National Association of Ornamental Iron and Bronze Manufacturers		
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panel-mounted, cardboard-mounted, glass-mounted advertisements for Globe – Van Doorn (11 items)	3	
before and after pictures of Caswell Building, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (2 items)	3	
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- Patton Building	
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- Caswell Block Building	
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– Photograph used in 1961 advertisement for Globe – Van Doorn Corporation	
– Autographed photograph of Wisconsin State Senator Alexander Wiley to Mr. and Mrs. G.A. Trepte	
Oversize Ledger Books	Location
Debit/credit card books	
1 – 1894-1898	BV, SH. 157
2 – 1894-1908	BV, SH. 157
3 – 1896-1900	BV, SH. 157
4 – 1905-	BV, SH. 157

5 – 1905-1923	BV, SH. 157
6 – 1916-1920	BV, SH. 157
Account books	
7 – 1891-1903	BV, SH. 157
8 – 1896-1900	BV, SH. 157
9 – 1896-1900	BV, SH. 157
10 – 1900-1904	BV, SH. 157
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15 – 1905-1908	BV, SH. 157
16 – 1909-1911	BV, SH. 157
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Purchase register	
18 – 1917-1921	BV, SH. 157
Financial register	
19 – 1917-1919	BV, SH. 157
Stock inventory ledger	
20 – 1919	BV, SH. 157
Machinery & stock inventory ledger	
21 – 1904	BV, SH. 157
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22 – 1900-1902	BV, SH. 157
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23 – 1915-1919	BV, SH. 157
24 – 1910-1914	BV, SH. 157
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25 – 1910-1911	BV, SH. 157
26 – 1913-1916	BV, SH. 157
27 – N.D.	BV, SH. 157
Invoice books	
28 – 1905-1906	BV, SH. 157
29 – 1906-1907	BV, SH. 157
30 – 1908-1909	BV, SH. 157
31 – 1912-1913	BV, SH. 157
32 – 1913-1914	BV, SH. 157